

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

June 10, 2002  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; DIANNE UTECHT, Contract Specialist; JASON JORDAN, Associate Planner; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, OFFICER ALAN EZEKIEL and DETECTIVE TANYA DORN, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
Police: Courageous Star Award  
to Madison Owens

Police Chief Garry Anderson and Detective Tanya Dorn presented Madison Owens with the Courageous Star Award for immediately reporting that she was inappropriately confronted by a man while walking to the Highlands Neighborhood Center on May 3, 2002. Ms. Owens provided information about the assailant to the police which led to his apprehension 20 minutes later. On behalf of all the members of the Renton Police Department, Chief Anderson thanked Ms. Owens for her quick action and cooperation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Human Services: 2002  
Supplemental CDBG Funds  
Allocation

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the 2002 supplemental Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) capital funds allocation and recapturing of funds.

Dianne Utecht, Contract Specialist, listed the sources of the available funds in the amount of \$225,857 as follows:

- \$86,087 – Unallocated capital dollars from 2001.
- \$70,000 – Recaptured from The Salvation Army Food Bank project in 2001 (project did not meet deadlines for being under construction by December 2000).
- \$42,900 – Recaptured funds from North Highlands Playground. This was a match to City funds. Staff decided to do a smaller project with City funds only.
- \$26,870 – Cost savings in Housing Repair Assistance Program in 2001.

Continuing, Ms. Utecht listed the funding recommendations for the unallocated capital funds in the amount of \$225,857:

- \$10,000 – Move from the capital to the planning and administration budget. Will be used to disseminate 2000 census data or to update linkages or to

conduct a customer service survey for the Housing Repair Program.

- \$5,000 – Unallocated for emergencies or unforeseen expenses.
- \$71,773 – ElderHealth/Connections. To expand the program space for an adult day care health center that serves frail elders and people with chronic or terminal illnesses
- \$30,000 – Parkview Services. To help pay the acquisition cost for a three-bedroom house that will support three very low income individuals with developmental disabilities.
- \$55,000 – The Salvation Army, Renton Corps. To purchase two walk-in refrigerators and freezer for the new food bank.
- \$54,058 – Unallocated. Will be rolled into 2003 capital allocation.

Audience comment was invited.

Christine Giffey-Brohaugh, 2230 NE 27th St., Renton, 98056, reported that The Salvation Army is developing a new food bank on S. Tobin St., as their current facility is inadequate. She stated that the new food bank will not only put food in people's hands, but will also provide education about good nutrition. Displaying a diagram of the floor plan for the new building, Ms. Giffey-Brohaugh described the functions of various sections of the building. She pointed out that the plans include a warehouse area for the storage of food, and stated that the requested CDBG funds will be used to purchase refrigerators and a freezer for that area.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's inquiry regarding the long-term outlook for donations to the food bank, Ms. Giffey-Brohaugh said that there is always an ebb and flow in terms of supply depending on the state of the economy. However, she noted that The Salvation Army has developed some stable sources for food within the last two years, such as the Post Office food drive.

Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, stated that she works at The Salvation Army and it has been an educational and rewarding experience. Pointing out that there is not enough room at The Salvation Army to store perishable items donated by grocery stores, Ms. Quesenberry encouraged Council to approve the funding for the needed refrigerators and freezer.

There being no further audience comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Advancement to Community  
Services Committee Report

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON,  
COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THIS ITEM.  
CARRIED.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Human Services: 2002  
Supplemental CDBG Funds  
Allocation

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the supplemental funding cycle for 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) capital funds and recapturing of funds. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation that the 2002 supplemental CDBG capital funds be recaptured and distributed according to the Human Services Advisory Committee recommendations. (See previous page for a listing of the funding sources and the 2002 CDBG funding recommendations.) MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**APPEAL****Planning & Development  
Committee**

Appeal: Reservoir Short Plat,  
Deborah Gregor (SHP-01-169)

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the appeal of the Reservoir Short Plat (SHP-01-169). The Committee convened on May 30 and June 5, 2002, to consider the appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decisions, dated March 5, 2002, and March 21, 2002 (reconsideration denied).

The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Raymond Ave. NW and S. 128th St. The proposed project will subdivide an approximately 1.2 acre parcel into seven single-family lots. It was the subject of a short plat approval in 1997.

The applicant allowed the prior approval for a short plat to expire before completing the short plat process. Along with the first short plat application, the applicant obtained development permits to put in the infrastructure for the seven lots. Despite the expiration of the short plat permit, the applicant continued to install the infrastructure according to permits approved by the City. The applicant returned to the City to apply for a short plat of the same parcel, proposing the same density of seven single-family residential lots. The Hearing Examiner approved the proposed density and a neighbor has appealed.

The current appellant has assigned error to two findings of the Hearing Examiner: 1) that the current application is identical to the one reviewed, and 2) the issue of density. Additionally, the appellant raised numerous questions that could be viewed more as areas of concern than assignments of error.

The Committee considered the two clear assignments of error. As to the assignment of error #1, the Committee found that the proposed lot dimensions for the originally configured lots were different from the current proposed lot dimensions. The lot sizes in the current proposal are slightly larger, except in Lot #7. The Committee concluded that the Hearing Examiner's statement may not be accurate. However, the Committee did conclude that the current application is seeking the same density as the prior application and the two applications are identical in that respect.

As to assignment of error #2, there is no factual dispute. The prior short plat application sought to create the same density as the current application. The Committee found that the zoning limits for that area have not changed since 1997, and that the wisdom of R-8 (Residential Single Family; eight dwelling units per acre) zoning for this specific site cannot be addressed in an appeal because there is no request for a change in zoning. However, there have been changes to the Comprehensive Plan regarding infill lots. There have been changes in the area as the applicant has proceeded on its other development permits that did not expire. There is now a half road improvement and infrastructure to support seven residential lots, all developed in accordance with the unexpired permits.

During the construction of the infrastructure, the neighbors have experienced considerable difficulties with runoff from this site. There have been other negative impacts as well. Therefore, the appellant raised a question regarding follow through and oversight of the construction, specifically on erosion control. Staff reported that the staff will be doing more oversight because of the difficulties. Staff reported that runoff is being curtailed, but not eliminated.

The Hearing Examiner stated that he "felt compelled to abide by the earlier City Council decision and will not review density again at this time." While the

Committee found that the prior application had no binding effect on this application, the Committee also felt compelled to approve the proposed density because of the construction pursuant to the unexpired permits and the policies in our Comprehensive Plan.

However, as the record reflects, there have been many problems with this project. Therefore, the Committee made clear that it is the City's intent to follow this project closely, and to use all legal means to ensure that this project is done properly. In that regard, the Committee re-stated the legal requirement that all reports and documents relating to this project are available to the appellant, any member of the neighborhood, or any member of the public.

The Committee also found that Decision 10 (page 12) of the Hearing Examiner's decision, relating to daily inspections for erosion control, is unclear regarding reporting. Therefore, the Hearing Examiner's decision should be modified as follows: "The project contractor shall perform daily review and maintenance of all erosion and sedimentation control measures at the site during the construction of both the off-site and on-site improvements, as well as building construction. Further, the project contractor shall provide daily reports to City staff in a format determined by City staff."

The Committee recommended that the City Council uphold the decision of the Hearing Examiner except as modified herein. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler stated that this appeal was especially difficult because the previously approved short plat had expired while the construction permits for infrastructure improvements had not. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF LINKING SHORT PLAT APPROVALS TO INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler praised the appellant who represented the affected neighborhood, saying that she did a wonderful job in bringing forth the concerns of the neighborhood in a very concise and well thought-out manner.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Effective July 1st, AT&T Cable Services will increase its basic rate from \$13.10 to \$13.50 per month, excluding fees and taxes.
- \* The sixth annual *Kid's Classic Fishing Derby* was held on Saturday, June 1st, at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Over 750 children attended, and every child caught a fish.
- \* The U.S. Customs trailer was located on the Renton Airport on June 6th; and full U.S. Customs service is estimated to begin the week of June 17th.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

City Clerk: AT&T Cable  
Services, Unauthorized  
Personnel

Mr. Covington reported that there is concern that firms are representing themselves as part of AT&T Cable Services without appropriate authorization. Mayor Tanner indicated that staff is taking steps to make sure that they are licensed.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Bean –  
Whitworth Ave S, St. Anthony  
Church (VAC-00-003)

Paula Bean, 334 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed her opposition to the closing of Whitworth Ave. S. as proposed by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003).

Citizen Comment: Wells –  
Reservoir Short Plat Appeal,  
Deborah Gregor (SHP-01-169)

Patricia Wells, 8232 S. 121st St., Renton, 98178, stated that she has lived in this community since 1958 and her family owns property located south of Reservoir Short Plat (SHP-01-169). Pointing out that she has had continuous problems with the short plat developer, she indicated that she had to hire an attorney to help protect her family's property from the developer. Ms. Wells stressed the need for the City to oversee the project, and stated that she has filed two City Code violation complaints and has yet to have any response from the City. Mayor Tanner requested that staff follow up on her complaints, and he assured Ms. Wells that the requirements adopted by Council regarding the Reservoir Short Plat will be carried out.

Citizen Comment: Gregor -  
Reservoir Short Plat Appeal,  
Deborah Gregor (SHP-01-169)

Deborah Gregor, 12811 84th Ave. S., Seattle, 98178, reported that the Reservoir Short Plat (SHP-01-169) appeal was a group effort, and she expressed her concerns about the developer's lack of interest regarding the impact of the construction on neighboring residents. She said that she will continue to monitor the short plat and hopes that the City will also closely monitor the project to ensure the ongoing compliance of the developer.

Citizen Comment: Quesenberry  
– Use of City Facilities by  
Non-Profit Organizations

Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, summarized a letter she wrote to Fire Chief Wheeler regarding fundraising by firefighters and the response she received from Chief Lee Wheeler stating that using staff, public funding or equipment for the purpose of gifting or otherwise benefiting charities or other entities is prohibited. She questioned the use of the Community Center for the Renton Youth Day event and stated that Renton Youth Day organizers were allowed to use the Community Center to hold the event at no charge. Ms. Quesenberry also questioned the fundraising efforts and financial reporting practices of the organizers of Renton Youth Day.

Mayor Tanner expressed his support for Renton Youth Day, saying that the event was very successful. He stated that it is not the City's responsibility to check the internal record keeping of civic organizations whether they are non-profit or not. Mayor Tanner explained that according to City policy, civic organizations, including the Washington State Council of Firefighters, can use City facilities for their activities; however, the use of City equipment such as fire engines is prohibited by State law.

Responding to Ms. Quesenberry's inquiry regarding allowing the Washington State Council of Firefighters to use the Community Center for the Burn Foundation fundraising efforts at no charge, Mayor Tanner replied that he would be willing to consider the free use of the Community Center for that purpose and if such a request was made, would bring the proposal before the Council. Chief Administrative Office Jay Covington added that the City does allow City unions to meet on City property on a regular basis for free.

Responding to Councilman Parker's question concerning the Park Board, Mayor Tanner stated that the Park Board does have the authority to allow the use of a park facility at no charge. He clarified that the use has to be related to a community, civic or governmental function.

Councilman Corman expressed his support for allowing people to use City

facilities and pointed out that the City uses approximately \$500,000 a year from the general fund to support community service groups. Council President Nelson stated that staff thoroughly reviews City event proposals and provides assistance and support for events such as Renton River Days.

Responding to Councilman Corman's inquiry regarding the use of fire equipment, Mayor Tanner clarified that on-duty firefighters and fire engines, prepared to respond to a fire, can be placed at any City-sponsored or approved function.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Meeting Minutes of  
June 3, 2002

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Approval of Council meeting minutes of June 3, 2002. Council concur.

AJLS: Renton River Days Fee  
Waivers & Banner Installation

Administration, Judicial and Legal Services Department requested waiver of permit fees for 2002 Renton River Days activities by Renton River Days Board of Directors. Staff additionally sought authorization to install River Days banners on City light poles from June 24 through August 16. Council concur.

CAG: 02-072, Police Evidence  
Steel Building, CHG Building  
Systems

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/22/2002 for CAG-02-072, Police Evidence CBC Steel Building; five bids; engineer's estimate \$158,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to bidder, CHG Building Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$119,300. Refer to Finance Committee for discussion regarding the irregularity with the low bid.

Community Services: Gene  
Coulon Park Playground  
Equipment Supply, Northwest  
Playground Equipment

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract with Northwest Playground Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$117,472 to supply play equipment, play surfacing material, and underdrainage for Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 01-019, Gene Coulon  
Park Geese Control, Kalcade  
Geese Police

Community Services Department recommended approval of Addendum #1 to CAG-01-019, contract with Kalcade Geese Police to control and reduce the population of geese and other possible waterfowl at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, for 2002 services in the amount of \$50,000. Council concur.

Development Services: Boeing  
Longacres Office Park  
Development Agreement

Development Services Division recommended approval of a development agreement with Boeing to establish applicable regulations for the future development of Boeing Longacres Office Park; 158 acres located at the southeast corner of I-405 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad right-of-way. Refer to Planning & Development Committee; set public hearing on 6/24/2002.

Utility: Green River Flood  
Control Zone District Interlocal  
Agreement

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an interlocal agreement for the administration of the Green River Flood Control Zone District whose objectives are to operate, maintain and repair flood protection facilities and pump stations within the lower Green River watershed. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizen Comment: Holmes –  
Sewer Connection for Property  
Outside City Limits

Correspondence was read from Robert A. Holmes, 14010 154th Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, requesting connection to City sewer service for his property which is located outside the City limits. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

## **Added**

Citizen Comment: Various –

The following correspondence was read into the record in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003):

Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-003)

Anne & Martin Healy, 314 S. Tobin St., Renton, 98055; Jeff & Jill Eaton, 16900 143rd Ave. SE, Renton, 98058; George & Pat Freund, 12111 SE 96th Pl., Renton, 98056; Olive Fisher, 3248 S. 180th Pl., SeaTac, 98188; Patty & Mark Logan, 17033 193rd Ave. SE, Renton, 98058; and Barbetta M. Ralphs, 14202 – 149th Pl. SE, Renton, 98059. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler stated for the record that only one of the correspondents resides within the Renton City limits.

Citizen Comment: Kabongo – Fraudulent Request for Assistance

At the request of Mayor Tanner, a fraudulent electronic letter was read from Peter Obi Kabongo requesting assistance in obtaining his \$21 million inheritance from an overseas bank in exchange for 5% of the total amount plus expenses. Explaining that he requested this letter be read into the record in order to inform citizens of this scam, Mayor Tanner indicated that he forwarded the letter to the State Attorney General's Office.

Reporting that many people fall for fraudulent schemes such as these and are taken advantage of, Police Chief Garry Anderson recommended reporting these types of letters to the Attorney General, and if a citizen has been victimized by a scam like this, to report it to the Renton Police Department.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

CAG: 98-146, Oakesdale Ave SW Extension Wetland Mitigation, Osborn Pacific Group & Environmental Monitoring Program

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the additional funds needed for the 2002 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) #40 Environmental Monitoring Program in the amount of \$476,593; and the execution of Supplement No. 1 to the contract with Osborn Pacific Group, Inc. in the amount of \$234,316.04 for continued monitoring and maintenance of the Oakesdale Ave. SW Phase 1 wetland over ten years (CAG-98-146). The supplemental amount will be spent over the next ten years and it is not part of the 2002 additional funding requested for the Environmental Monitoring Program.

The additional funding to be allocated to the 2002 TIP #40 Environmental Monitoring Program will come from appropriated funding for the following projects:

I-405/NE 44th St.	\$36,000
Downtown Transit Access	\$318,429
Grady Way/SR-167	\$20,000
City Gateways	\$25,000
Transportation Concurrency	\$28,000
WSDOT Coordination	\$2,104
RUSH	\$25,000
HOV	\$10,000
Trans Valley	\$4,000
Lake Washington Blvd (1) (2)	\$8,000

The Committee recommended Council authorize the transfer of \$476,593 appropriated funding for the above-listed projects to the 2002 TIP #40 Environmental Monitoring Program. Additionally, the Committee recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Supplement No. 1 to the agreement with Osborn Pacific Group, Inc. in the amount of \$234,316.04.\*

Councilman Persson explained that in order to obtain the necessary permits to complete the Oakesdale Ave. SW extension project, the City must agree to monitor and maintain the Oakesdale Phase 1 wetland.

\*MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: Duvall Ave NE Improvements (SR-900 to City Limits), TIB Grant

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the Duvall Ave. NE improvements. Staff proposes to widen Duvall Ave. NE from two lanes to five lanes. This may include four through-lanes, a two-way left-turn lane, curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm drainage, street lighting, landscaping, bike lanes and channelization from SR-900 (NE Sunset Blvd.) to the northern City limit. These improvements are expected to reduce congestion and the high number of accidents. They will raise Levels of Services (LOS) towards the service standards adopted by the City in 1995 to achieve compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA).

The City of Renton has received a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) in the amount of \$3,095,640, of which \$684,000 is authorized for design. The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with the TIB to accept grant funding for design, and that Council approve the resolution and all consecutive phases and subsequent elements up to and including construction of roadway. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. MOTION CARRIED. (See page 224 for resolution.)

**Planning & Development Committee**

Planning: Title IV Development Regulation Revision Process

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Title IV Development Regulation Revision Process. The Committee reviewed the Title IV revision process on March 1, 2002, and June 6, 2002. Committee members directed staff to develop an annual amendment process that complies with State law yet allows Council the flexibility to deal with imperative issues that need immediate attention. The Committee recommended that the Title IV Development Regulation Revision Process be referred to the City Attorney's office for preparation of an ordinance and that a public hearing be scheduled for June 24, 2002. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning: Harrington Square, Highlands Redevelopment, Residential Overlay District

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Highlands study area implementation residential demonstration overlay within the Village Center Designation. The Committee met on June 6th to review the Harrington Square Conceptual Plan and determined that the proposed Harrington Square multi-family development is the kind of project envisioned for the Highlands redevelopment area. This project meets adopted business plan goals and the Highlands study area goals.

The Committee finds that Title IV (Development Regulations) amendments will be necessary to implement projects of this type in the Highlands study area. The Committee recommended that a Title IV work program be referred to the Planning Commission for review of zoning within this designation for the following topics:

- Density
- Parking Standards (specifically a bedroom-based standard for multi-family housing)
- Unit Types (apartments vs. townhouses)
- Setbacks\*



Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler indicated that City staff is seeking community input and there will be plenty of opportunity for citizens to express their opinions on this matter.

**\*MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

### **Public Safety Committee**

#### **Fire: Staffing**

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding Fire Department staffing. The Committee reviewed the priority staffing needs of the Fire Department and recommended that Council authorize a Secretary 1 position within the Department effective July 1, 2002. Funding for this position will come from the budget savings within the department.

The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the administration to prepare an ordinance amending the 2002 Budget to reflect the additional position and that this ordinance be presented for first reading at a subsequent Council meeting.\*

Councilman Clawson stated that there is enough savings in the Fire Department budget to pay for this needed administrative position.

**\*MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

#### **Police: Yakima County Jail Service Contracts, Yakima County & King County Cities**

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the long-term agreement between Yakima County for jail services and the interlocal agreement between King County cities. In 2001, King County gave notice that it will be canceling its jail contracts with all King County cities, effective November 2002. With a decision to exit from the King County jail system, King County cities began last year to look for a long-term alternative to King County. Yakima County emerged as a very good alternative and, to date, has delivered outstanding services to Renton and other King County cities, who have now negotiated a long-term (seven-year) jail agreement with Yakima County. This agreement provides jail services equal to or greater than those provided by King County at significantly less fees and rates. In addition, an interlocal agreement was drafted between King County cities to efficiently use Yakima County jail beds designated for the cities. Entering into this agreement will result in up to \$180,000 in savings to the City when compared with King County jail costs.

The Committee recommended that Council concur in the recommendations of the administration to:

- Approve a long-term (seven-year) agreement with Yakima County to secure jail bed capacity from Yakima, and
- Approve an interlocal agreement between King County cities, which provides the means for the cities to more efficiently use the Yakima County jail beds designated for cities.

The Committee further recommended that the resolutions regarding the interlocal agreements be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 223 for resolutions.)

#### **Police: Staffing, Budget Adjustment for Additional Positions**

**Majority Report:** Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a majority report recommending that Council authorize the addition of three positions (a Crime Analyst, an Evidence Technician, and a Patrol Officer) to the Police

Department budget effective July 1, 2002, and approve an ordinance increasing the budget appropriation of \$145,821 and position authorization. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading at a subsequent Council meeting.

**Minority Report:** Public Safety Vice Chair Parker presented a minority report recommending that Council authorize the addition of two positions (a Crime Analyst and Evidence Technician) to the Police Department budget effective July 1, 2002, and approve an ordinance increasing the budget appropriation of \$65,850 and position authorization. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

Councilman Clawson explained that there were several positions requested in November 2001 by the Police Department: four police officers, a sergeant, a crime analyst, an evidence technician and an animal control officer. Since then, the City has added two police officers, a sergeant and an animal control officer. The administration now recommends that the technician and the analyst position be approved; however, Mr. Clawson stated that the majority of the Public Safety Committee felt that another patrol officer was necessary and should be added at this time. He detailed the reasons why an additional patrol officer is needed, pointing out that many citizens have expressed their desire for additional police coverage. Describing the duties of the evidence technician and crime analyst, Mr. Clawson said that the addition of those positions would relieve current police personnel of those duties and allow for more coordination with other jurisdictions. He concluded by saying that the City can afford to hire an additional patrol officer.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding the budget appropriation amounts for both reports, Police Chief Garry Anderson stated that the addition of the patrol officer requires one-time equipment costs for items such as a radio and patrol car. The approximate annual cost for all three positions is \$200,000 for salary and benefits.

Councilman Parker stated that it is important to always be conscious of the budget, and he highlighted future budget concerns such as the upcoming labor negotiations, the 1% property tax limit, and the reduction of development growth due to annexation limits. He expressed concern about committing to an ongoing expenditure like this even though the City is in an excellent financial condition. Indicating that he would like to add additional police officers, as well as other needed City positions, Mr. Parker explained that the City has many needs and must strive to maintain a balance of service throughout the community.

Continuing, Mr. Parker said that he concurred in the recommendation of the Police Chief for the addition of the crime analyst and evidence technician, saying that those positions provide support services to patrol officers thereby allowing them to spend more time in the community. Reporting that eleven full time employees have been added to the Police Department since 1999 and the police response rate to priority one calls is under three minutes, Mr. Parker stated that currently, the City has an appropriate number of patrol officers. In conclusion, he requested that Council approve the minority report.

Councilwoman Briere spoke in favor of the majority report, saying that a large area has been annexed to the City and an additional police officer is important. She stated that if the City can pay for a swimming pool, it can find the funds to support an ongoing police position.

Mayor Tanner stated his desire to give the City the police protection it needs, and pointed out that Police Chief Anderson has indicated that the analyst and technician are the positions that he needs. He expressed his concern about increasing the recurring costs of the City, saying that revenues will decrease due to the 1% property tax limit and the City's inability to annex property. Mayor Tanner concluded by voicing his support for the minority report.

Councilman Persson expressed his disappointment with both reports. He said that more police officers are needed on the street and he detailed citizen complaints regarding the length of time it takes officers to respond to incidents such as residential burglaries. Stating his support for the majority report, Mr. Persson recommended setting aside \$1 million of the year-end fund balance to fund these positions for five years.

Councilman Corman stated that the City has a first class police force, and described the various ways in which police personnel contribute to the community. He stressed that the City's pursuit of assuring public safety is exemplary and if there are concerns about police staffing, the issue should be reviewed during the upcoming budget hearings. Mr. Corman expressed concern that due to the decreasing revenue projections, future pay increases may be jeopardized which could influence upcoming labor negotiations and impact productivity. He suggested that a Committee report be modified to state that the issue be handled during the course of budget negotiations.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler reviewed the issue of the swimming pool, saying that additional staff will be needed for its support and it will require City subsidization. She requested that Council keep that in mind when reviewing the police staffing issue, and stated that Council needs to be careful in the way it spends the excess funds. Ms. Keolker-Wheeler voiced her support for the majority report, and agreed with Councilman Persson's suggestion to set aside some of the ending fund balance to pay for additional staffing needs.

Mayor Tanner commented that he does not have a problem with setting aside some of the excess funds to pay for staffing; however, once the funds are gone, the City cannot count on any future fund balances.

Councilman Persson stated that patrol officers must be added to the Police Department in order for it to remain one of the best departments in the region. Councilman Corman stressed that he is not anti-safety. He indicated that positions have been added to the Police Department, and in regards to the swimming pool, additional staffing is expected to be supported by the pool fees.

Councilman Clawson stated that it is possible to find savings somewhere within the budget to fund additional patrol officers. He stressed that funding public safety should be the City's highest priority.

Councilman Parker reviewed the Police Department's statistics regarding response rates to calls, and reiterated that the Police Chief has stated that the addition of the crime analyst and evidence technician positions are his top priority. Mr. Parker also recommended that the subject of additional patrol officers be discussed during budget deliberations.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MAJORITY REPORT. CARRIED.

#### **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report concurring with the staff

Lease: Intensive Management Group, 200 Mill Bldg (6th Floor)

recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a lease with Intensive Management Group, Inc. to rent the sixth floor at the 200 Mill Building. The term of the lease is three years; and the cost for commissions and remodels, in the amount of \$100,873.50, is recovered in the rent. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\***

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding the revenue expected from the three-year lease, Councilman Parker stated that the net income is \$98,496 over the term of the lease, and the net income over the life of the leases currently in place is \$668,554. Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd confirmed that a percentage of lease revenues are projected in the City's budget.

**\*MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 204515 – 205051 and three wire transfers totaling \$3,429,666.66; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 38245 – 38504, one wire transfer and 559 direct deposits totaling \$1,750,684.26. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Utility Tax, Cable Modem Services Clarification, City Code Amend

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that the Council adopt legislation that will clarify that cable modem services are to be included within the City's utility tax structure. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 224 for ordinance.)

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3571**

Police: Yakima County Jail Service Contracts, Yakima County & King County Cities

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement (long-term jail contract) between Yakima County and the cities of Algona, Auburn, Town of Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and the Town of Yarrow Point, Washington, for the housing of inmates by Yakima County Department of Corrections. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

### **Resolution #3572**

Police: Yakima County Jail Service Contracts, Yakima County & King County Cities

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement between the cities of Algona, Auburn, Town of Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and the Town of Yarrow Point, Washington: to establish the terms that will govern the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the cities in their dealings with each other relating to the interlocal agreement between Yakima County and the cities for the housing of inmates by Yakima County Department of Corrections. **MOVED BY**

CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3573**

Transportation: Duvall Ave NE Improvements (SR-900 to City Limits), TIB Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for a grant that will fund the road improvements on Duvall Ave. NE and SR-900, from SR-900 to the northern City limits. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/17/2002 for second and final reading:

Finance: Utility Tax, Cable Modem Services Clarification, City Code Amend

An ordinance was read adding a new Section, 5-11-1.I, to Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code which includes cable modem service as a utility subject to the utility tax. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/17/2002. CARRIED.

Budget: 2002 Amendment, Swimming Pool

An ordinance was read amending the 2002 Budget for the expressed purpose of building a swimming pool, creating a new construction fund, and appropriating the necessary funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the construction. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/17/2002. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Development Services: Permit Review Process, 120-Day Goal Exemptions

The ordinance regarding the 120-day permit review process was removed for corrections.

**Ordinance #4970**

EDNSP: South Renton Neighborhood Plan, Comprehensive Plan Amend

An ordinance was read adopting the South Renton Neighborhood Plan as a sub-area plan amendment to the City's 1995 Comprehensive Plan, maps and data in conjunction therewith. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4971**

EDNSP: South Renton Neighborhood Plan, City Code Amend

An ordinance was read amending Chapters 4-2, 4-3, and 4-4 of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to implement the South Renton Neighborhood Plan. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler thanked City staff and the Planning Commission for their work on the South Renton Neighborhood Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Community Services: Farmers Market

Council President Nelson announced that the Farmers Market will open at the downtown Piazza park on June 18th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a grand opening ceremony at 2:45 p.m.

Community Services: Maplewood Golf Course

Council President Nelson requested that staff investigate the possibility of providing benches at Maplewood Golf Course.

**Benches**

King County: Parks, Budget  
Shortfall

Councilman Corman stated that the Community Services Committee is available to assist if the administration needs help in addressing issues related to the Metropolitan Parks Task Force recommendations concerning the budget shortfall faced by King County's parks.

Regional Issues: Tri-County  
Executives' Regional  
Transportation Plan

Councilman Persson reported that the Regional Transportation Plan was discussed at a recent Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting, and he reviewed the difficulty the parties are having in coming to an agreement on the priority listing of the major transportation projects.

Transportation: Sidewalk  
Utility Markings

Stating that he knows it is necessary to paint the sidewalks in order to site utilities, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF TEMPORARY PAINT TO SITE UTILITIES ON SIDEWALKS AND/OR REQUIRING CLEANUP OF THE SIDEWALK AFTER UTILITY SITING TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.  
CARRIED. Time: 10:15 p.m.

  
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BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
June 10, 2002